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Happy New Year

"This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you."—Exodus 12:2.

The new year is given to all of us who have lived to put out the new calendar, to give and receive the usual greetings, and to reiterate with others: How time flies, where has the last year gone?

In the realm of politics and government our country has a new administration. In the realm of economics, we have new leaders differing in ideas and theories from those who have planned the manner of operation in recent years. In the realm of science, there are those whose research will bring new products into being for the use of our people, new hope for the sick, new materials for industry, new machines to help man to do his tasks or to make his life more interesting. In the realm of religion, we will have no new gospel that can save men's souls and lift up the downcast. But we will have a new opportunity to spread the everlasting gospel of the grace of God brought to us through His Son. We will have another chance to live for the cause of Christ in a way we have not done in the past. We will have the opportunity to attain more of the likeness of the Master, more of that quality we have wanted to attain in the past, but, because of the pressure of many things, we have let the time go by, buttering our consciences with good intentions.

When the children of Israel were about to begin a new life, being delivered from slavery in Egypt to being a free people in a land of their own, they were given a new calendar. They were given a new year in which to start a new life. And with the atonement the first thing on the program every year thereafter, they had brought to their attention the need for cleaning the slate of the year that had just past and for adjusting their lives to the demands of the holiness of God.

Another year is here. It will bring its share of song and sorrow, of pleasures and perplexities, of fulfillment and frustration, of blessing and burden, of delights and difficulties. He who can maintain true grace in the joys will keep real victory in the trials. The proper perspective, with Christ in the dead center of his reckoning, will help every Christian to keep everything in his life in proper relation to the things that are eternal.

M. M.

God writes with a pen
That never blots,
Speaks with a tongue
That never slips,
And acts with a hand
That never fails.

Resolution

By Theo. A. Kessel

As we stand at the threshold of a new year, lines from three familiar old songs return to challenge me:—*I Am Resolved No Longer To Linger, My Heart Is Fixed, O God, On Thee, and Take Time To Be Holy*. It seems to me that this is more than a time for simply 'turning over a new leaf' and making the customary set of New Year's resolutions. It should be a time of taking stock of our spiritual lives—a time of taking inventory for God. Is there real *resolution* in our hearts and souls? Or are we merely going along with the temperamental whims and emotional drives of the hour? Time will soon tell.

We stand at the portal of a new year that is filled with great possibilities of service for our Lord and yet fraught with tremendous problems such as we have never faced. It is refreshing to know that the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth, that the heavens are there, and that He is interested in every detail of our lives. How wonderful it is if we can sing with the Psalmist of old . . . "*My Heart Is Fixed*." If He reigns supreme in all the spheres of our lives, it will be well with our souls and the Lord will work with us confirming the Word with signs following.

We face tremendous tasks, great challenges, and strong opposition from the forces of darkness that are arrayed against everything that concerns the work and person of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a battle to the death, and it

will increase in fury with the passing of the time that intervenes His coming.

Success and triumph are guaranteed. Armor has been provided for us and the full direction for its use. The whole of it must be put on. Every part of us is vulnerable; so every part must be protected. All must be kept in use and never relinquished. Victory is equally that certain—from the love of God for His own and from the aid which He affords for the battle. The armor is self-sufficient. It remains to be seen what God can and will do with a man who is fully equipped, fully surrendered, and as equally fully used by the power of God. "Who is sufficient for these things?" In Him and *through* Him and *by* Him we are able to do all things and we are more than conquerors.

In a recent study of the mighty men of David, I was deeply impressed by the little prepositions occurring so frequently. To many they may seem only just another part of speech—of grammar—but those expressions *with* David, *unto* David, *to* David, *by* David, *for* David, are very significant to me. David could only weep when he saw the mighty exploits of those mighty men. But I truly believe the secret is contained in those little prepositions. And we today can have the same experiences *IN* Christ, *WITH* Christ, *FOR* Christ, *BY* Christ. O praise His name! And we too can make the heart of our Great Commander glad.

God, give us men! A time like this demands

Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands;

*Men whom the lust of office doth not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;*

*Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor; men who will not lie.*

—J. G. Holland

But this warfare must be taken in a proper way. "Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off." None of us are too well experienced in this warfare and certainly none of us can boast in the few skirmishes we have had with the enemy. With real humility let us put on the whole armor of God, and, distrusting ourselves, let us trust in God alone. The most confident are the most exposed and the most humble are the most secure. Let us boast only in the strength and power of His might. But do not let fear keep you from the battle. Remember Daniel when he said, "They that know their God, shall be strong and shall do exploits," and the three Hebrew children

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when they said, "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us."

Such a challenge and such an assurance as we find in the Word of God should solemnize us to RESOLUTION. It should cause us to have inventory and remind ourselves of a few somber facts:

1. Every saved man or woman is in business for God.

2. Undone duty is one of our most serious considerations.

3. There are no failures in this business.

4. A day of reckoning is coming and full reward awaits.

5. Rewards in that day will be given solely on the basis of faithful service.

I am constrained to remind you at this point that we are not to be rewarded for our successes, but for our faithfulness. We leave the successes to Him, but are you resolved deep within your soul to be faithful? *"Take time to be Holy, Speak oft with thy Lord. Abide in Him only and feast on His Word."* So many times we are so concerned about His work that we forget Him. Do not become lost and hidden 'among the stuff.' Do not let it be said of you 'I have somewhat against thee because thou hast left thy first love.'

The Epistles of Peter contain pertinent information to the situation as we behold it even today. In First Peter, the Apostle is pointing to and anticipating persecutions, from the outside, which things, saith he, "The trial of your faith . . . more precious than gold." He expected them, looked forward to them, and was apprehensive for fear they might not come. Peter was so determined and resolved in mind and heart and soul that his great fear was that he might miss dying for the One who had so freely died for Peter. But in the Second Epistle, the message is entirely different and the great Apostle is worried, and rightly so, about enemies from the inside. The test of loyalty should be a welcome test. "If we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged." "It is time that judgment should begin at the house of God." Our most dangerous enemies are those from within our ranks. What is your RESOLUTION? "I am resolved, no longer to linger . . . I will *hasten* to Him . . . Jesus, greatest highest, I will come to Thee."

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**Before me is a future all unknown,
A path untrod;**

**Beside me is a friend, well-loved
and known;**

That Friend is God.

**Before me lies a new and unseen
way**

Midst shadows dim;

**Beside me is my Guide, and day
by day**

I walk with Him.

The New Year Season

By W. T. Gaston

It is the custom of those who preach or write to cast about for a few meaningful words to say about the passing of the old year and the beginning of the new. Perhaps this would be a good season to say something about time itself. Time seems so permanent. Having worn out and cast aside countless civilizations with swift, relentless tread, it marches on. What can we say to ourselves and others who are being borne along to that inevitable moment when we too, according to all outward appearance, will lose the race?

Perhaps it will help us to remember that time itself is temporary. Time is what lies behind you and before you. If you go back far enough, you will bang smack into eternity. And if you look far enough into the future, you will see the end of our day-and-night measuring pattern, by which time is being parceled out, and the beginning of one eternal day. There will be no clocks or calendars in heaven. There will be no more embarrassing questions about age. Mortality will be swallowed up of life.

The New Year season is a good time to ring out the good news that men can

be saved from themselves, from the mistakes and sins that have gone before, and from the dread of what is yet to come. There is a point where time is linked with eternity, where dying men connect with the living God. This comes not by struggling to repair the past or by fabricating resolutions for the future, but by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ and confessing Him as Saviour and Lord. It is by grace through faith that unworthy men can experience the wonder of an ageless life and taste the power of the world to come. If this be true, and we know it is, then we should not be too concerned with the ravages of time, for when time itself shall have passed away, we will have a building of God eternal in the heavens.

Now, as I close, may I wish for everyone who has patiently followed through these lines a very happy and prosperous year. If perchance the pathways of some may meander through shady lanes, please remember that the very roughest deal that time can pass to any of God's faithful is to swiftly conduct them through much tribulation to glories that shall never fade.

The Plea of a Prophet

By J. Narver Gortner

Isaiah lived seven centuries before the advent of our Lord, and, so far as our knowledge extends, was never outside of the boundaries of the kingdom of Judah. But his prophetic vision extended not only beyond the boundaries of that kingdom, but beyond the age in which he lived; it extended not only to this age in which we now live, but to the age that will follow this age and on to the time when there will be new heavens and a new earth.

One day the prophet, recognizing the great need of a divine intervention in human affairs, and apparently realizing that without such an intervention there was no hope for humanity, looked up into the face of Jehovah with the eye of faith, and exclaimed, "*Oh that Thou wouldest rend the heavens, that Thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at Thy presence, as when the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make Thy name known to Thine adversaries, that the nations may tremble at Thy presence!*"

It has been supposed by many that Isaiah was appealing for a great spiritual awakening, a revival of vital godliness. That such an awakening was then needed, as it is most certainly needed at

the present time, there can be no doubt, and that Isaiah had often longed for it we can be sure. And that such a revival cannot be worked up but must be prayed down we all know. But it was not such an awakening that Isaiah was pleading for. Look at the notable prophecy of the preceding chapter, where we have one of the most graphic pictures of "the day of vengeance" to be found anywhere in God's Word. Evidently Isaiah had been shown by God that the earth will never be flooded with divine light and submerged in divine glory until "the day of vengeance" shall have come and gone. That day of vengeance seems to be necessary in order that His name may be known to His adversaries and the nations may be made to tremble at His presence. They will not tremble until they are *made* to tremble, and it will require a very unusual manifestation of divine justice and display of divine power in the punishment of sin to make them tremble. It has been believed by many that the love of God is sufficient to win all men to God, and that the preaching of that love as it was evidenced by Calvary will ultimately cause the last member of the human family to bow in humble submission at the feet of God, and then, the whole world hav-

ing been saved, the millenium will be ushered in. But the Word of God teaches otherwise. And perhaps even today in this dispensation of grace we should get better results if greater emphasis were laid by all our preachers on the fact that God is a just God as well as a merciful God, and that He "will by no means clear the guilty." It was when Jonathan Edwards proclaimed in a fearless and forceful manner the judgments of a God of justice that sinners trembled and laid hold of the seats in the meeting house lest they should slip into hell. And it is in the New Testament that we read that "by the law is the knowledge of sin" (Rom. 3:20). Men are not likely to repent and seek forgiveness until they realize that they are sinners. Hence the preaching of the law as well as the preaching of grace is imperative if we are to have real revivals.

The plea of the prophet was a plea for the manifestation of the divine power that will come at the end of this dispensation of grace. Isaiah with prophetic vision saw that it was necessary in order that God's name might be known to His adversaries and the nations might be made to tremble at His presence. And, since this dispensation of grace is soon to close, the dispensation of judgment or "the day of vengeance of our God" will soon burst upon the earth. The plea of the prophet has not yet been heeded, but will be heeded on schedule time, for God works according to schedule, and in due time the plea of the prophet will find its full response in a manifestation of divine justice that will result in the clearing of the stage here upon earth for the setting up of the kingdom of the Son of man.

In the Word of God mountains symbolize kingdoms, fire symbolizes divine justice, and waters symbolize "peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues" (Rev. 17:15). It is important that we remember this as we consider the words, "When the melting fire burneth the fire causeth the waters to boil." That the waters have been boiling for quite a while in these last days we are all aware, and the fact that they are thus boiling is one of the outstanding evidences that

we are living in the last days and that the coming of the Lord draweth night. Our Lord said that prior to His coming at the end of the age there should be *"upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them with fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth"* (Luke 21:25, 26). All we have to do is to look at the conditions that exist today in order that we may see that this prophecy is already beginning to be fulfilled. Evidently God has already begun to rend the heavens and come down, or, in other words, we are already in the fringes, or very near to the fringes, of the great tribulation, "the day of vengeance of our God" which is scheduled to follow "the acceptable year of the Lord" which we all understand is this dispensation of grace that our Lord at His first advent ushered in (Isa. 61:2; Luke 4:17-19).

Our Lord came down in judgment at the time of the building of the tower of Babel. See Genesis, the 11th chapter. We read (verse 1) that "the whole earth was of one language and of one speech," or as the verse is rendered in the Revised Standard Version, "Now the whole earth had one language and few words," the evident meaning being that there was only one language and a very limited vocabulary. It was not necessary for them to have many words for they did not have a great many ideas to express. The more ideas we have the more words we need to express them. Many words that are now a part of our vocabulary and with which we are all familiar were unknown in my boyhood days. This is why many dictionaries are now obsolete. We read that after it had been decided to build a tower the top of which should reach unto heaven *"The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the sons of men had built."* And we all know what the outcome was. Their language was confused, so that they were not able to understand one another, and so *"the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city."* When the Scripture tells us that "the Lord came down" it is always in connection with

A NEW LEAF

He came to my desk with quivering lip—

The lesson was done.

"Dear Teacher, I want a new leaf,"
he said,

"I have spoiled this one."

I took the old leaf, stained and blotted,
And gave him a new one all unspotted.
And into his sad eyes smiled,
"Do better, now, my child."

I went to the throne with quivering soul—
The old year was done.

"Dear Father, hast Thou a new leaf for me?
I have spoiled this one."

He took the old leaf, stained and spotted
And gave me a new one all unspotted,
And into my sad heart smiled,
"Do better, now, my child."

—Kathleen Wheeler

the record of an event that culminated in judgment or in blessing.

In the 18th chapter of Genesis we read how the Lord, accompanied by two angels visited Abraham and conversed with him, and how the Lord said to Abraham, *"Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know."* Strange words, coming as they did from the lips of Him whose knowledge is perfect and who needs not that any man or angel should inform Him concerning any matter whatsoever. What do the words teach us? They teach us that God often speaks after the manner of men; He adapts Himself to conditions and circumstances; He sets an example for men in their dealings with their fellow men to follow. It appears that God has divinely appointed emissaries in the spiritual world—in the book of Daniel they are called watchers—and that these emissaries make reports from time to time to God, and that God acts in harmony with those reports. As no head of a government should act in accordance with the report of an investigator unless he has the best reasons for believing that the report is in strict harmony with the facts, God did not act as a result of the report that had been brought to Him until He had made a personal investigation of the facts that had been reported to Him. The matter seemed so important since it involved the preservation or destruction of *"those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground,"* that the Lord, in order to set a lasting example for all earthly rulers, *came down* in person to make an investigation. And in the succeeding chapter (chapter 19) we are told what the result was. God *came down* in judgment, and we see what happens when God thus comes down.



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God has come down in blessing many a time. He thus came down at the time of the incarnation when "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself." He thus came down "when the day of Pentecost was fully come," and at that time all who had been tarrying for the promised endowment of power from on high were "filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4). He thus came down half a century ago when the Spirit was outpoured almost simultaneously all over the world. That was the beginning of the Latter Rain outpouring of the Spirit which has continued ever since. Happy indeed are we if it can be said of us that we have "dwelt therein" (Ps. 68:10). God is continually coming down in blessing. But the time is at hand when He will come down in judgment, and it will be such judgment as up until that time the human race has not, and will not have experienced. And our Lord has said that except those days should be shortened no flesh should be saved; but He has definitely told us that "for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened" (Matt. 24:22).

The "day of vengeance of our God" will begin as soon as the rapture of the saints shall have taken place and will last seven years, or, in other words, throughout Daniel's seventieth week, a week of years. It will culminate in the coming of our Lord in glory, or His coming with His saints. Our Lord at that time will "be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power" (2 Thess. 1:7-9). Then will take place what we read of in Rev. 6:12-17, in Rev. 14:18-20, and in Rev. 19:14-21.

And so we see that the plea of the prophet is not to go unheeded. The divine plan has already been made in accordance with that plea, and in due time, and according to schedule, God will rend the heavens and come down, and at that time He will make His name known to His adversaries, and the nations will tremble at His presence.

May it be our privilege to go up with Him at the time of the rapture that we may come down with Him at the time of the revelation!

Only that life is rich that never misses
an opportunity to do a kindness.

* * *

I complained because
I had no shoes,
Till I met a man
Who had no feet.

One can live above the discouragements of life by the power of . .

The Indwelling Word

By Frank W. Smith

"Cursed by the day wherein I was born," are the opening words of the fourteenth verse of the twentieth chapter of the Book of Jeremiah. They are characteristic of the thought contained in the remaining four verses of the chapter—absolute surrender to discouragement. These are not the words of a weakling who has given up in the struggle of life, for these are the words of Jeremiah, one of God's ablest and holiest of prophets, a man to whom God had spoken, upon whose lips He had placed His hand, in whose mouth He had put His words, and to whom He had given assurance that He would prevail. "I have . . . set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant." And "they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee."

Wonderful commission, glorious promises. You would never think that a person to whom they were given could ever become discouraged, but Jeremiah did. Listen to his mournful dirge—O why didn't I die at birth?

Let us not criticize him, for in the face of far greater promises we, too, have yielded to discouragement and for the same reason that Jeremiah did. Things did not work out as we thought they should. We wanted to turn the world upside down for God, but, instead, the world turned us upside down, and to make matters worse, sat on us. Our testimony wasn't received. Instead of our loved ones and friends being converted, it seemed that they drifted farther from God and went into deeper sin. So we forgot the wonderful promises of God, blamed our disappointments on Him and threatened to quit—just as Jeremiah did.

Jeremiah expected to convert Israel and turn the heathen to God, but Israel became more apostate and the heathen drifted farther from God. Jeremiah did not make one convert during his forty years of ministry. So, in the twenty-fourth year of his ministry we find him a broken-hearted prophet, ready to quit and wishing that he might die. "O Lord," he cried, "Thou hast deceived me . . . I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name."

Jeremiah is not the only one of God's great men who have yielded to discouragement. Jesus said of John the Baptist that there was none greater than he. But, in his hour of trial, when he languished in prison, John questioned whether or not Jesus were truly the looked-for Messiah of Israel. Elijah was a great man of

God, courageous and powerful. He could face the wrath of Ahab without fear and confound the priests of Baal with the fire of God from heaven, so great was his faith in God; but in a moment of discouragement he fled before the threats of Jezebel. And we find him miles away from his place of triumph, under a juniper tree, crying, "Lord, let me die."

God didn't answer Elijah's prayer. He didn't let him die. He took him out from under the juniper tree, gave him a greater work to do, and finally translated him home to glory. Neither did he curse Jeremiah for his seeming rebellion. He didn't let him quit. Instead the word of God burned so fiercely in his heart that he had to continue on. Said he, "His word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay." The result was that God gave him sixteen more years of precious ministry.

What God did for Jeremiah and Elijah He can and will do for you when discouragement overwhelms you and you feel like giving up, provided you have the power of God that enables one to live above the discouragements of this life.

We need not go back through the centuries to find witnesses to prove this fact. Many could be cited, but one outstanding testimony has remained with me through the years. It is that of a German woman refugee, from the Russian zone of Germany, with whom we became acquainted during our three years of service with the Air Force on occupation duty in Germany. The Russians had issued an order confiscating all Bibles. This woman buried her Bible in the vegetable garden. When conditions would become unbearable and she would be tempted to wonder if God were really on His throne, she would go to the garden, dig up the Bible, act like she was on her knees weeding the vegetables, and read. She said that it never failed to give her strength for the hour of need. God richly rewarded her faith in His Word by not alone giving her comfort, but also deliverance from the enemy.

The Word never fails. If it is in you it will help you to rise above the trying situations and circumstances of life and urge you on to a life of victory and usefulness.

Brother Smith served as an army chaplain during the last war. On his return to civilian life, he was a teacher at Glad Tidings Bible Institute for a year. He re-entered the armed services as an Air Force chaplain. He served in the Middle West for a time and then was sent to Germany. Completing three years of service abroad, he has been returned to the States and is now stationed at Parks Air Force Base here in Northern California.

A Speech and a Song

The Lord spoke unto Moses and unto Aaron. Exodus 6:13

The whole history of redemption is included between this passage in the text and the song of Moses and the Lamb (Rev. 12:3). God speaks to man. Man sings to God. In the beginning Jehovah waited in patience and silence. There was a time when He did not speak. We are now familiar with the sublimest truths, and do not realize that there was a time when they were unrevealed. The veriest child possesses truths today that would have kept Plato awake a week. When God's voice was heard breaking the silence of a past eternity He declares His godhead "I am," and everything declared the truth of His revelation.

Man cannot find out God unless He speaks to him. He cannot evolve this knowledge out of social instinct. No ladder of ours can stretch over the chasm that angels cannot bridge. "Jehovah spake;" what grandeur of speech! Were we sure that at the stroke of twelve tonight God would speak to Brooklyn in New York, how attentive to that one sentence would we be! No one would sleep. God does speak.

One way by which He speaks is by typical men. Doers and talkers, like Moses and Aaron, are the choice ones of the race. They are indeed wretched who never do anything worth mentioning, never say anything worth remembering. It is worth a hundred years of pain and poverty to say a word that the world will not let die. I would even take a hundred and fifty years of rheumatism for the privilege of making such an immortal utterance. God is a talker. "Nothing but

a talker," we say of some, but intelligent speech is to be honored, though mere babbling is vain.

It is in the line of moral law, and human salvation, that this talk of God is found. He is holy and true, and so must show His holiness in His law. He shows law in Moses, and priestly relations in Aaron. These typical men are like the lofty supports of the Brooklyn bridge. The high piers of injunctive law are seen here. When Christ appears, then comes a song. Men talk in prose, and praise in song. Culture rounds life into rhythmic song, the upshot of a manly development. "The song of Moses and the Lamb;" of Moses, who slew the Egyptian, and bearded Pharaoh in his palace; the hard, reserved, solitary man, whom Michael Angelo so fashioned in marble as to awe men who look at the august figure; Moses who stood on Sinai, mid thunder and earthquake. It is the song of Moses and of law, as well as of grace, that they sing in heaven. Heaven is not given up to sensuous delights. Its joys are not those of a ballroom or revel, nor is life here a go-as-you-please walk; but here and there a rhythmic obedience to law is indispensable. Musical harmonies observe their law; otherwise all would be jargon. So in all other relations.

"The song of Moses and the Lamb. There is love as well as law. Love comes out of law. A true, round, rapid, regnant Christian character has its impulse here in law and love—twin brothers. Christ reigns by right of law and by the power of love. We must learn this song now or never sing it. Christ died for us, and if we love Him we shall keep his commandments, and thus illustrate the love of law and the law of love. —Selected.

ENOUGH

And I said to the man
Who stood at the gate
Of the year:
Give me a light
That I may tread safely
Into the unknown.
And he replied:
Go out into the darkness
And put thine hand
Into the hand of God.
That shall be to thee
Better than light
And safer than
A known way.

The Man Jesus

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty, and then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself. He had nothing to do with this world except the naked power of His divine manhood. While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth while He was dying—and that was His coat. When He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone and today He is the centerpiece of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has that One solitary life.

—Author unknown

ONE MORE STEP

A hill is not too hard to climb,
Taken one step at a time.
One step is not too much to take,
One try is not too much to make.
One step, one try, one song, one smile,
Will shortly stretch into a mile.
And everything worth while was done
By small steps taken one by one.
To reach the goal you started for,
Take one step more—take one step more!

—J. D. Freeman

Catch 'em! Hold 'em!

Here's a sure-fire method, based on a sound principle. The ones you catch won't get away because they'll be too busy catching more for you. This thing will pyramid on your hands until you won't know what to do with them all. No—not fish. Men! We're suggesting you organize a Men's Fellowship in your church. Through organized effort, your men will be challenged in their souls as they win "other" men. We've a lot of interesting things to tell you about Men's Fellowships. Write for a free information kit: Men's Fellowship, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

The District Council

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Membership Changes (July 1 to December 20, 1952)

Transferred INTO the District:

Elmer G. Bilton (ordained) from Southern Missouri.
Luther A. Cayton (licensed) from Southern California.
Mrs. L. A. Cayton (licensed) from Southern California.
Edwin L. Cole (ordained) from Southern California.
J. H. Cunningham (licensed) from Arkansas.
Manuel R. Deeds (licensed) from Oklahoma.
Therall E. Fourn (ordained) from Northwest.
Lavone K. Fourn (Mrs. T. E.) (ordained) from Northwest.
Wm. R. Hance (ordained) from Four-square. Accepted by action of the District presbytery.
Glen Hannan (ordained) from Oklahoma.
Mrs. G. Hannan (ordained) from Oklahoma.
George W. Hunter (ordained) from Michigan.
Theo. A. Kessel (ordained) from Southern California.
D. G. Lewis (ordained) from Rocky Mountain District.
Mrs. D. G. Lewis (licensed) from Rocky Mountain.
Jim F. Lewis (licensed) from Southern California.
Paul R. McCauley (ordained) from Illinois.
Donald R. Merrill (ordained) from Southern California.
F. Maxine Mitchell (licensed) from Southern California.
Mrs. Ella Passmore (licensed) from Arkansas.
Lee F. Reed (ordained) from Arkansas.
Ray Riddlesperger (licensed) from Arkansas.
J. A. Rogers (ordained) from Southern Missouri.
J. O. Rorie (ordained) from Arkansas.
Agnes Rorie (Mrs. J. O.) (licensed) from Arkansas.
M. B. Sequeira (ordained) from New England.
Flora Sequeira (Mrs. M. B.) (licensed) from New England.
Barney E. Shepard (licensed) from Arkansas.
Cornelius R. Van Dalen (ordained) from North Carolina.
V. Mildred Van Dalen (Mrs. C. R.)

(licensed) from North Carolina.
Ralph A. Wilkerson (ordained) from Oklahoma.
Reuben A. Wilson, Jr. (licensed) from Oregon.
Laura I. Wilson (Mrs. R. A. Jr.) (licensed) from Oregon.

Granted license to preach by District presbytery:

Carroll D. Holloway, San Andreas.
A. M. Redding, Highway City.
Donald E. Stanley, Sacramento, (renewed).
Fred C. Thompson, Capay.

Transferred OUT of the District:

Kenneth E. Brown (ordained) to Montana.
Earl F. Davis (ordained) to Arkansas.
Ernest G. Eskelin (ordained) to Louisiana.
Viola C. Hatfield (licensed) to Oklahoma.
R. E. Henke (ordained) to Latin American Branch.
Mark A. Hinman (ordained) to Indiana.
Nelson E. Hinman (ordained) to Indiana.
Helen Hinman (Mrs. N. E.) (ordained) to Indiana.
Clara L. Hunter (licensed) to Oregon.
Gaylord A. Kindschy (licensed) to Ohio.
E. C. Lagmay (ordained) to Oklahoma.
Opal E. Lagmay (Mrs. E. C.) (ordained) to Oklahoma.
Jack E. Little (licensed) to Southern Idaho.
Wm. E. Morley (licensed) to South-

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

JANUARY

1—Eureka, Red Bluff
5—Oakland (First)
12—Pittsburg, Watsonville
(Monte Vista Christian School)
19—Fairfield
20—Hilts
26—Patterson, Willows

FEBRUARY

2—McKinleyville
9—Lafayette
17—Yreka
23—Anderson

Home Missions Emphasis

January 18 through 25

This is not an appeal for finances!

This move is sponsored by the General Council Home Missions Department for the purpose of increasing interest in and understanding of the home missions program being carried out in many parts of our country. Pastors are receiving material on the subject that can be used in the various types of services during the week. This fellowship is doing a great work. Let's acquaint our members and friends with the scope of what has been accomplished and what the intentions are for future activity along this line.

ern California.

Marion F. Ravan, Jr. (licensed) to Oregon.

J. Irwin Rogers (ordained) to New England.

Fern I. Rolfe (ordained) to Indiana.

D. W. Schutzler (licensed) to Oregon.

Burton G. Shirley (licensed) to Montana.

Elsie Simpkins (licensed) to Hawaiian Islands.

J. D. Smith (ordained) to Southern California.

Walter E. Smith (ordained) to Oregon.

Pearl E. Timmons (licensed) to Oklahoma.

Melvin J. Veland (licensed) to Montana.

Claude O. Wood (ordained) to Oregon.

Gladness Wood (Mrs. C. O.) (ordained) to Oregon.

Withdrew:

F. T. Curry
Kenneth C. Holaday.
W. T. McMullan.
R. L. Stuck.
Mrs. Helen Saxelid.

Dropped:

Hans F. Bretschneider.
Andy Martindale.

LOT FOR SALE at Bethany Park. Lot No. 154, on the parking lot, across from the school dormitory. \$250 cash. Write Pastor Phil H. Gibson, 3216 West Victory Blvd., Burbank, Calif.

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FOR SALE — Public address system, 30-watt, with turntable; two all-weather speakers, with 100 feet cord for each mike; desk stand and cable. Price \$150. Write C. F. Rowe, Box 21, Orleans, Calif.

The Thoughts of a Chaplain's Wife

This is Sunday afternoon in Mannheim, Germany. There has been a driving rain since noon, and now that it has stopped, the air is clear and cool, and everything looks fresh and green. But I wonder how far that convoy has gotten today. They left this morning at four o'clock after a hurried breakfast in the mess hall, and have been driving all day. By now they must be nearing their destination. They will probably arrive at



dusk, set up their tents, and another week of official maneuvers will begin. They took the chaplain, the organ, the hymn books and the organist; so our Daddy is not home today. This is one of the disagreeable duties of any soldier over here. They count the days until they are back in good warm barracks with solid, clean floors and hot running water. Many and varied are the duties of the chaplain. It has been my happy privilege for the past four months to be a "front line" observer of all he has to do.

We have been thrilled on Sunday mornings to see the soldiers file into the chapel room and hear them blend their voices together in the opening song, *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*. I have sat and watched their faces while the chaplain preached, as he explained to them the way of salvation through faith in the shed blood, and knew that some were hearing probably for the first time what it means to be born again. How thankful I was that the chaplain knows God, knows how to reach Him, and knows how to bring these men to Him, too.

We have looked forward with great anticipation to the Sunday vesper services, to hear the servicemen give their testimonies. How thankful they are for the warm, spiritual atmosphere of that meeting each week. We have heard them tell of being drawn closer to the Lord since coming into the army, not through fear, since there is no war here now, but just realizing for the first time what it means to have a constant companion, friend and guide when the everyday going is rough. I have heard these soldiers pray the prayer of repentance, have seen the joy of salvation in their lives, have sensed their utter dependence on the heavenly Father, and have felt the tender concern in their

hearts for their buddies that they too would come to know Him Whom to know is life eternal. Thank God for these red-blooded American soldiers who have purposed in their hearts not to defile themselves and have determined to live for God.

We have come to know, too, what it means to a soldier to have a chaplain who knows God. Last summer we attended a reception for the Chief of Chaplains, from Washington, D. C., General Ivan L. Bennett, when he was on a tour in Europe. He told of the shortage of chaplains, encouraging those who are here to re-enlist when their time is up. I thought, Lord, inspire the hearts of the young ministers in our movement who could come into this great white harvest field and preach the unsearchable riches of Christ to our armed forces. I have felt sick at heart as I have sat in a formal chapel service in Frankfurt on Sunday morning and heard a chaplain stand before his men and talk of the things our heavenly Father created, rather than of the Father Himself—no words of life for the soldier to take back to his lonely barracks with him. Oh, that the young men in our Bible schools would feel the call, see the need of this open field, and prepare themselves for it. Like any service for the Lord, this is not an easy one, but He has promised to be with us always.

Leafing through my husband's notebook the other day, I came across the following:

The Chaplain's Musts

A chaplain must go where men are cowards and be courageous,

He must go where men are evil and be good,

He must go where men are fearful and be fearless,

THE UNTRIED YEAR

With mingling trust and hope and fear
I bid thee welcome, untried year;
The paths before me pause to view;
Which shall I shun, and which pursue?
I view thee now with serious eye,
I see dear hopes and treasures fly.
Behold thee on they opening wing
Now grief, now joy, now sorrow bring.
God grant me grace my course to run,
With one blest prayer—His will be done.
—Elizabeth Payson Prentiss

Nothing Commonplace

We should never give way to the suggestion that prayer is or can be ordinary; there is nothing ordinary in any true prayer; to pray is to redeem any day from commonplace. To have one quick, flashing view of God makes common time sacred. If we pray mechanically or by rote, or if prayer be the mere repetition of words which have never passed through the heart, then I wonder not that men have become weary of prayer, and should long for it to cease; but when we truly realize the nature and scope of prayer, and when the heart beats sympathetically through the whole compass of communion with God, there can be nothing commonplace in prayer.

—Dr. Joseph Parker

He must go where men are foul and be clean,

He must go where men are hateful and be love,

He must go where men are slaves and be free,

He must go where men are victims and be victorious,

He must go where men are Christless and be Christian.

These boys are our boys from home who need spiritual food. When you pray for your pastor, the evangelists and the missionaries, would you just add, "And, Lord, bless our chaplains today and help them so to lift up Christ that men might be drawn unto Him?"

—Rachel M. Duguid



THE ARMY CHAPEL near Mannheim, Germany, where Chaplain James A. Duguid is stationed. The new chapel, at Coleman Barracks, was dedicated Thanksgiving Day. Before its completion he held services in a makeshift chapel.

Give Ye Them to Eat

by Ray Lockwood

"And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves victuals." Matt. 14:15.

We find the place for this great miracle was a desert. This word is also translated *a lonely place*. The disciples found themselves in a lonely place and became discouraged. It seems they had forgotten that just prior to this desert experience, their Saviour had healed the sick of this same multitude. Are not we the same today? We see Him do great things before our very eyes, and still we are prone to doubt when we come to that desert place.

They said, "Master, the time is now past; send the multitude away." There are many today who are saying the time is now past for Pentecostal power to be demonstrated by speaking in tongues, gifts of healing, messages and interpretation, or demonstrated by giving Pentecostal believers power to live holy lives sanctified unto God. The disciples suggested that the multitude go to town to get what they needed. But, praise the Lord, Jesus supplied what they had need of. The nominal Christian world of today is being sent away hungry by men who are powerless to feed their hungry souls. Seeing this growing hunger in the multitudes today, I say thank God for our Spirit-led Assemblies of God movement, which is helping to feed this hungry multitude.

In the 17th verse we read that the disciples told the Lord, "We have here but five loaves, and two fishes." Jesus did not complain at the small amount they had to offer. The thing He was interested in was that they bring what they had to Him. Many today are discouraged because they have so little to give to the Lord. Let's not worry about that, but just give that small bit to Him. When He adds His omnipotent power to our small bit, we become partners, praise His holy name!

When the loaves and fishes were given to Him, Jesus looked up to heaven, blessed, brake and gave the loaves to *His disciples*. Notice, the disciples fed the multitude. And are not we His disciples today? The only way we can feed the hungry today is to do as the disciples did then. They brought what they had to Jesus, and He blessed it. If our lives

are to be fruitful, His blessing must rest upon us.

He broke the loaves. Many young lives are being broken today. Sin is one way a life can be broken. Other lives are broken by sorrow. Christ's Ambassadors, let us cry out to God that we might become broken, that we might be as clay in the Potter's hands, and that He might reshape our lives to conform to His own precious image. May we catch this glorious vision of blessing, breaking and giving that fed the multitude then, and we will feed the multitude today.

"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." 1 Cor. 16:13.

Greetings to the C. A.'s in Jesus' name.

I would first like to say thanks to all of you for allowing me to serve as your veep. It is only with certain forbodings that I can look ahead to the task before me, being fully aware of the bang-up job that Brother Fulmer, Brother Steelberg, and Brother Beiser have been doing. With all respect, I say that they are not particularly easy fellows to follow; but with God's help and yours, here goes. I also want to say that I count it a privilege to look forward to working with two great fellows, Brother Ray Lockwood and Brother Kirk Soper. Believe me when I tell you that they are full of ideas and ambition, and I only hope that I can stay up with them.

Last year, with '52 slipping in, I made a few promises to the Lord and asked several personal favors of Him. I testify to you now that where I did fail Him often, He never failed me and gave me abundantly more than I had asked. So now, with '53 here, I have an inward feeling that makes me dare reach out and touch God's throne again for new blessings for the new year. Perhaps the first one is selfish, but here it is. I'm asking God for a richer, fuller, and freer life and ministry of workable Pentecost than I have ever known. Already I have the "earnest of the Spirit," but now I want Elisha's double portion.

Next, I'm petitioning God for a manifesting, sanctifying, Holy Ghost anointing to rest upon the head of our Brother Lockwood. I pray that he shall be so

GUIDE ME! O, GOD!

Guide me, Lord, for I am weak!
Make me lowly, kind and meek!
Keep me from the coward's clique!
Make me valiant, free from blame..

There are forces here without
That attempt to put to rout
All Thy help: they truly doubt.
May my life be free from shame..

Guide me on my thorny path,
Scorning Satan's fiery wrath!
Give my soul a heavenly bath
That my heart may feel thy balm.

I need promptings from above;
Thou wilt give them out of love.
Send Thy Spirit like a dove!
Give me, Lord, a peaceful calm!

—W. H. Close

Let Us Keep the Faith

By Walter Boring

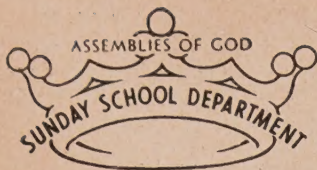
endued with that effervescing power that it shall be contagious in his life and catch on C. A.'s all over the District.

Then I trust that the Lord will cause His face to shine upon Brother Soper and enrich his life with many Pentecostal blessings. Brother Soper has a highly important job and he needs lots of help from us all and daily strength from heaven.

Last of all, I pray for a Pentecostal revival to break out in every C. A. group in this District. God knows how much we need it. Last year we wondered about the A-bomb and when Jesus was going to come. This year we are thinking about the H-bomb and when we might be called to go meet Jesus before He comes. But what do you say we think less about possibly dying for the Lord and think more of a more sure thing, living for Christ, and let Him have His way in our lives.

In closing I leave this last thought with you. We are mostly second, third, and perhaps some of us fourth generation Pentecost. The responsibility of this great spiritual movement is fast slipping on to our shoulders whether we want it or not. It is high time for us to begin to think more Pentecost, to live more Pentecost, and to act more Pentecost. "Watch ye, stand in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."

It isn't the motto that hangs on the wall, but the motto you live that counts.



L. W. SUTER
District Sunday
School Director

What Would You Do?

Bill Derr discovered that the greatest loss in the corporation which he manages was due to costly errors and waste of materials by inefficient workmen. He had three choices: (1) To ignore the inefficiency and tolerate the waste, (2) To fire the workmen and hope to hire better ones, (3) To train his workers to be efficient. He must correct the trouble in order to meet competition or his business would be ruined.

"Inefficiency of the workers is the weakness of the Sunday school," the committee on Sunday School Survey found. The situation in many Sunday schools is not favorable to education. Few of the teachers have much training for their work and the methods of teaching are very primitive.

What Can We Do About It? Shall we ignore the inefficiency and just "mark off" the materials wasted? This is absurd because the raw materials of the Sunday school are the priceless souls and potentially fruitful lives of human beings. They are irreplaceable and frequently irreparable. What care, then, what skill—what planning—what preparation is required for those who shape the destiny of eternal souls! The diamond cutter often studies a raw gem for days before risking to spoil it. He moulds and cuts models of it; he draws it, photographs, X-rays, weighs and measures it until he knows exactly the best way to cut it. He even makes the flaws work for good. How much more valuable are the "gems" with which we work!

Since we dare not ignore inefficiency, shall we "fire" the workers and hope to "hire" better ones? This also is absurd because (1) true Sunday school workers are not for hire (or for fire), (2) not a single worker can be spared from the vineyard, and (3) efficient Sunday

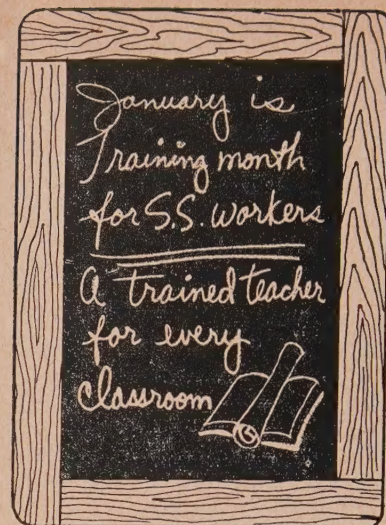
school workers, like accidents, do not just happen—they are made!

Only one choice remains. The Sunday school "manager" uses the third method—training his present and potential workers. He is responsible to provide them with inspiring and adequate training programs. Each worker is responsible to use every means within his reach to increase his efficiency and expand his usefulness. To increase efficiency each worker must:

Remember the Master Teacher and seek to emulate His techniques. After some three years of intensive "teacher training" involving complete consecration and great sacrifice on the part of His pupils, Jesus sent them out "to teach all peoples." It might be noted that they met frequently thereafter for refresher courses as the responsibility devolved upon them. Christ's typical teaching was current and concrete; personal, pertinent and practical.

Recognize the Need for greater efficiency. Advertisers spend millions of dollars yearly courting the favor of John Q. Public for their wares. Degrading literature, radio and TV drama, movie houses, sporting events, clubs, parties and myriads of other amusements bid high for our attention, time, energy, and money. The Sunday school must meet that competition—or succumb to it!

Realize His Responsibility to every man. When does the Sunday school teacher actually begin to teach? Some may reply, "right after the offering is given and the pupils settle down"; "after we sing a few choruses"; "as soon as we get to our room." Some brave soul may say, "Every teacher's ministry begins at the opening bell." This is a bit nearer the truth. But what worker who is in his place five minutes before the bell is not teaching promptness? Who brings



someone to Sunday school without teaching others to do likewise? Who greets everyone with a bright smile and a Christlike spirit without teaching others to do the same? Who bows at the altar before Sunday school without teaching that prayer is important? Who, by showing deep reverence for the House of God, is not teaching a worthy principle? Who carries his Bible openly to Sunday school without teaching respect for God's Word? Whose impatience, cross words, fiery temper, or criticisms at home; whose business dealings, conversation, appearance, dress, and general attitude in public fail to teach others for good or bad? The real question, then, becomes not "When do I begin to teach?" but "When am I NOT teaching?" The answer is obvious.

Rise to the Challenge. Of President Adams it was said, "The temptation to perform his duty was always strong; and if the duty were a particularly difficult one, the temptation became ungovernable."

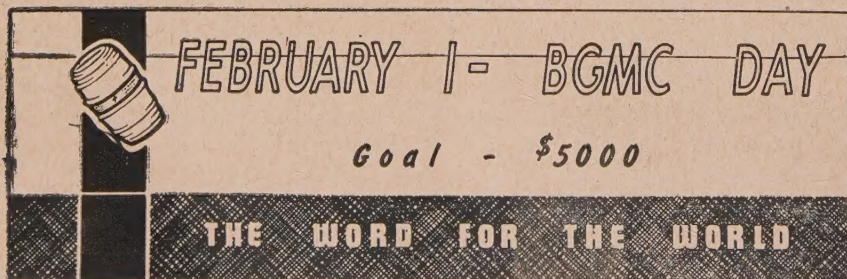
Is it possible to Remember . . . Recognize . . . and Realize . . . and yet remain passive? For many people it is. How about you? —*Sunday School Spotlight*

Action Speaks Louder

Some people make profession,
Their tongues can say a lot.
They say they're this and that and so;
Their lives—they say they're not.
Our lives they speak so loud, my friend,
Folks can't hear what we say.
It's mighty hard to fool the world;
Our lives give us away.

The lives we live are better far
Than all the words we say
To prove unto this dying world
Our sins are washed away.
Our tongues can say a lot, my friend,
Can sing our praise afar;
No matter what we testify,
We're still just what we are.

H. T. Smith



Area Workers' Training Schedule

Pittsburg (Bella Vista) December 29 through January 2.

Sacramento (Bethany Assembly) January 5 through January 9.

Modesto (6th and G Tabernacle) January 12 through January 16.

Turlock (Bethel Temple) January 19 through January 23.

Marysville (Bethel Temple) January 26 through January 30.

Chowchilla (Assembly—4th and Orange St.) Feb. 2 through Feb. 6.

Stockton (Calvary Tabernacle) February 9 through February 13.

Roseville (Glad Tidings) February 16 through February 20.

*Pastors, Officers, Teachers, Workers, and anyone else who is interested are not only invited but are urged to attend the Workers' Training Course nearest you. The new book *Ye Shall Be Witnesses* is going to prove to be a wonderful course of study. If 50 per cent or more of your officers and teachers receive certificates your school will be given credit for a training course on our yearly check-up. We'll be looking for you.*

Words of Wisdom

Brother J. W. Welch, referred to in late years as "Daddy Welch," was elected as chairman of the Assemblies of God in October, 1915. Substantiating the fact that our early leaders had Sunday school vision, it is interesting to read the comment of Daddy Welch in the first *Sunday School Counselor*, which was printed in June, 1939.

Brother Welch in his article to pastors, said, "No pastor can afford to neglect this opportunity (speaking of promoting the Sunday schools) or be indifferent to the needs of the children and youth within the realm of his influence. So in view of the importance of the Sunday school, I feel sure none of our pastors will fail to see this or hesitate to assume his responsibility. We must remember the true objective — the salvation and spiritual growth of the whole school. Therefore, all officers and teachers must devote themselves to reaching this and qualifying as soul winners, as well as teachers. Does some pastor object: 'But think of the work connected with it all! I have enough to do without taking on the Sunday school! So I just let others carry that part of the load!' I have said that myself, but when I took the matter to my Master, He showed me that some of my heavy burden was due to my interest and concern about matters of much less importance than the Sunday school, and that I had better drop something and take up more important things."

Missions

Peru

(Sister Ruth Couchman, who is at the Bible school in Lima, Peru, wrote while in the mountains on vacation with Sister Pansy Blossom.)

We are having vacation from Bible school, and an extended trip to the south of Peru. We have been in Cusco, archeological center of South America, for two weeks. We visited the Inca ruins, Macchu Picchu, and Saccahuaman. They are fascinating.

We have a fine Assembly of God work in Cusco. Now we are in Arequipa, a beautiful city at 7,500 feet altitude. Cusco was 11,000 feet. Had difficulty in breathing. The sun is gorgeous here, so different from foggy Lima. Next week we are helping in a regional convention here. Arequipa has been very different to the gospel, but we are trusting God to break through.

At the 1952 graduation of the Instituto Biblico Pentecostal del Peru we saw a record class of fifteen, twelve men and three women, finish the three years prescribed course and launch out in the field, which is demanding an ever-increasing number of Peruvian Pentecostal preachers. The commencement service was thrilling to us. Fifty-four students marched in to the strains of "Onward Christian Soldiers." There were beautiful musical numbers, on which Miss Blossom and Mrs. Bauer had spent countless hours of drill with the students, whose knowledge of music notes, time and part singing is practically zero when they enter Bible school. A love offering of Soles 2200 (about \$150 U. S.) was received and used to speed the departing workers to the places of their future labors. The service was climaxed by an address by our guest speaker, missionary John Kolenda of Brazil. It brought the audience of some eight hundred persons to their feet with hearts and hands uplifted in token of willing consecration to the task of evangelizing Peru's millions.

Compelled by necessity, we are taking a forward step by faith. Our classroom space is inadequate, and we have not even an assembly hall suitable for a growing Bible school. An offering of \$250 was received by one of the missionaries at Christmas, and another missionary was enabled to contribute over \$300. So the second story of the administration building is begun. It will take at least \$1,000 more to finish. Philippians 4:19 is still a blessed reality to our hearts.

Peru

(Herbert and Olga Felton are at the same Bible school in Lima. They write after the new school year had begun.)

Bible school has opened again. There are 43 fine students enrolled in the school

Couchman

this sixteenth year of its existence. Always when we listen to their testimonies at the opening of school we wish that you who have been helping with this great work could listen with us. This year was no exception. It is simply wonderful what the Lord has done in the lives of nearly all of the students. They have already started working in and around Lima, selling Bibles, New Testaments, and many other forms of evangelical literature. They are joining in the different church activities of evangelism such as street meetings and plantation gospel meetings. About \$35 worth of literature is being sold each week end by the students. This amounts to more than 500 Peruvian dollars. Four students are being supported from the Northern California-Nevada District.

(Sister Felton has been named director of the national WMC of Peru. This work is in addition to her teaching in the Bible school and in the Sunday school. The Sunday school attendance now totals over 400.)

Missionary News

Sister Lena Hendon is now with the W. E. Roscoes in Samoa. She arrived on the field the latter part of August.

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Brother Maurice H. Luce has returned to this District after a short visit to Southern California. Beginning with the first of the year, he is ready to present the Samoan mission field to the churches in the District. He has 16 mm colored pictures and 35 mm colored slides, as well as sound recordings of Samoan hymns to give a good idea of the island's customs, dress, ceremonies and the mission achievements. Mrs. Luce is returning from Samoa just as soon as transportation can be secured.

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Sister Mildred James, now joined by her sister Bonnie, is working in Takotna, Alaska. Bonnie James was graduated from GTBI with the class of '47.

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Sister Lydia Olson went to the Hawaiian Islands November 4 with Sister Bernice Procter when she returned to her work there. Sister Olson immediately joined Sister Houghton at Kapaa, on the island of Kauai, to help her for several weeks. She expects to go to Sister Procter's work later, and intends to remain in the islands for an extended period.

Anxiety springs from the desire that things should happen as we wish rather than as God wills.

God sends on His errands those who live close to Him.

Here and There

AUBURN—During the three weeks of revival meetings Evangelist Walter H. Smith held there in November, several were saved, nine received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and a number received healing. The pastor is Douglas H. Cooksey.

BURNEY — The new pastor is Sister Evelyn Blackledge, who comes from the Mississippi District. She is successor to Brother James H. Creel.

CLOVERDALE—Pastor Mack Lancaster reports having a very good revival with Evangelist Ed Byram. "Souls were saved and filled with the Spirit. We got our new church well under way while Brother Byram was here." The latter part of November the subflooring was being put down.

HERLONG—Brother John L. McClintic has resigned as pastor.

HOLLISTER—The Coast Counties fellowship meeting was held there December 7, two weeks earlier than the usual schedule because of the holiday season. The afternoon speaker was Brother Earl Pottenger, who was the first caretaker at Bethany Park. He has recently returned from the Middle West. The evening speaker was Brother Paul Pipkin, then ministering to the churches of the section in the interest of missions. The evening service, also a C. A. rally, was in charge of Paul Couchman, the sectional chairman. Pastor James Merwin writes: "I would also like to report that God is moving in Hollister, especially among the unsaved husbands; several have been saved. And God has been pleased to grant spectacular healings among the people in answer to His promises."

KELSEYVILLE — The new pastor is Brother Leonard Miller of Watsonville. The former pastor is Brother Luther Perkins.

LOS BANOS—This assembly was host to the South San Joaquin fellowship meeting November 24. Between the services the ladies served a fellowship dinner to all present. The afternoon speaker was Brother K. M. Haystead. The evening service enjoyed the music of a quartet from GTBI, and the visit of the school's president, Brother Theo. A. Kessel. The main speaker for the service was Thomas Ming, Sr. The pastor in Los Banos is Thomas Ming, Jr.

McCANN—Pastor H. E. Whitmarsh of the Fruitland Assembly reports: "Brother Z. P. Miler held a three-weeks meeting for us in which souls came and surrendered their hearts to God. We were able to see definite results in every service."

OROVILLE—Evangelist Ralph A. Wilkerson held a campaign there with Pastor Wm. T. Scott all through December. While Pastor Scott was on vacation, the month of September, his son, Gene Scott, who serves as assistant pastor, supplied the pulpit for all the services. Evangelist Earl Henderson was there for three weeks of revival meet-

ings in October.

PALO ALTO—Brother Willard C. Peirce held two weeks of special meetings for Pastor W. C. Pickthorn in November.

SANTA CRUZ (Bethel) — Evangelist Walter H. Smith held a revival campaign with Brother and Sister L. A. Constant in early December.

PLYMOUTH—The fellowship meeting of the Capitol section was held there November 10. There were two speakers in the afternoon service: Pastor A. R. Barron of Jackson, and Pastor Reuben Wilson, Jr., of Colusa. The evening speaker was Pastor Clyde V. Henson of Sacramento. The pastor in Plymouth is Fred D. Bowers.

REDWOOD CITY — Some were saved and some received the baptism of the Holy Spirit during the two weeks of revival meetings Evangelist Ralph A. Wilkerson held there the first half of November. The Sunday school attendance reached 458. The pastor is Wesley P. Steelberg.

RIVERBANK—Brother Donald R. Merrill, who comes from the Southern California District, has been chosen to be the new pastor, to succeed Brother Raymond Lockwood, who has been elected to be the new District C. A. president.

ROSEVILLE—Glad Tidings Tabernacle enjoyed good services with good results during the campaign the Evangelaires held for Pastor R. A. Wilson from November 2 to 16. The Evangelaires, a quartet, are Earl and Hazel Gould, Eddie Kramer, and Stephen Asmuth.

SACRAMENTO—Known as Branch No. 2 of Bethel Temple, a new gospel work was started early in September in West Sacramento with Brother Ronald Keskeys serving as pastor. The services are held in the VFW hall.

SALINAS (Alisal)—The Alisal Assembly and the North Side Assembly joined in being host to the Coast Counties fellowship meeting November 24 at the Sanborn Road church. The fellowship dinner was served in the new Sunday school annex, which was just being completed. The two-story building provides classrooms on the ground floor and a large assembly hall and kitchen on the second floor. The afternoon speaker was Sister Richardson, pastor in Soquel. The evening speaker was Brother Paul Pipkin, visiting churches in the area in missionary meetings. Pastor Louis Weston has been ill for several weeks. He and the family will appreciate the prayers of the fellowship for his recovery.

SAN FRANCISCO—The meetings Evangelist Gayle Jackson held in the Coliseum Bowl for the Golden Gate Pentecostal Fellowship in November drew large crowds, many coming for healing and many to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

SEBASTOPOL—The North Bay Fellowship meeting was held there December 15.

"Evangelism" was the subject of discussion for the afternoon service. The speakers, on different aspects of the subject, were: Pastor George Effman of Healdsburg; A. J. Morrison, returned missionary from Hawaii; L. W. Suter, District S. S. Director; Pastor E. G. Skultety of Petaluma; Evangelist P. E. Robertson of St. Helena; and Pastor W. E. Kern of Benicia. Between the services the local church provided a fellowship dinner for all present. The evening speaker was Pastor M. B. Sequiera of the Portuguese Assembly in Berkeley. The pastor in Sebastopol is P. R. Ford.

SOQUEL—Brother C. R. Peterson held an evangelistic campaign for Pastor Elizabeth Richardson the first two weeks in December.

STOCKTON (East Side Assembly)—The new church building, located at 3406 East Fremont, was dedicated Monday, December 1, when the North San Joaquin fellowship meeting was held there to join with the local members for the occasion. The District Superintendent, Brother Gaston, spoke to the ministers in a morning service and again to the afternoon gathering. Brother Thurmond brought the dedication sermon in the evening service. Brother and Sister H. C. Lafferty started the East Side Assembly several years ago and have worked in all the phases of its development.

TRACY—December 7 brought to a close three weeks of revival meetings with Evangelist Franklyn Murray, who has recently returned to the West Coast from the Rocky Mountain District. Good results are reported. The pastor is Warren Hull.

TURLOCK—Bethel Temple now has an active Spanish work with regular services Sundays at 6:30 p. m. Missionaries on furlough from Latin America minister to the Mexican nationals who have been brought in by visitation and open-air work in their settlements.

VALLEJO (First Assembly)—The North Bay fellowship meeting was held there November 17 with Pastor J. L. Gerhart. The subject of the afternoon service was home missions in this District. The speaker was Pastor C. E. Persing, who is the chairman of the home missions committee. The speaker for the evening service was Samuel Nystrom, missionary secretary of the Pentecostal Church of Stockholm, Sweden. Everyone present enjoyed the fellowship dinner served by the local WMC.

WEED—Reports Pastor Albert Rowley: "November 18 proved to be a day of great blessing as the church of the Shasta section gathered here for the fellowship meeting, many said the best in a long time. Pastor Glen Ayers of Tulalake brought the afternoon message. Pastor James Benney now of Red Bluff brought the evening message. The day closed with a grand altar service in which one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit."

YREKA—The new pastor, successor to Brother James A. Benney, is William Savidge, who returned to the District after a brief ministry in Colorado.



McKINLEYVILLE ASSEMBLY OF GOD SUNDAY SCHOOL, near Arcata, just north of Eureka. The building, dedicated recently by Brother R. J. Thurmond, has an auditorium that will seat 350 people. The old auditorium has been divided into Sunday school rooms. Pastor and Mrs. Charles Kerner are at the extreme left. The three other couples in the doorway are the deacons and their wives.

Personal Mention

Brother **JOSEPH WILDERMAN**, formerly dean of men and an instructor at Glad Tidings Bible Institute, has recently returned from Germany and the Near East, where he has spent the summer and fall in ministering the gospel. He is now open for special meetings on the West Coast. Mrs. Wilderman and their son Danny are traveling with him. The address is P. O. Box 961, Santa Cruz, Calif., or 2041 East Third Avenue, Vancouver, B. C., Canada.

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Evangelist **FLOYD R. HOOLE** held a campaign in November in Burbank, Calif., with Pastor Kenneth R. Schmidt.

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Brother **EARL T. HUNT** is now open for evangelistic calls. His address is 5069 Fillmore, Fresno, Calif.

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Evangelist **T. B. DON CARLOS** writes: "We have been laboring in Maine, where we have had two successful revivals, and we preached a convention at Caribou. It was said to be one of the best conventions in that part of the country. Our labors have taken us to parts of Canada: to St. John, N. B., and with Brother E. L. Lassegues. We had a very good meeting at Buffalo, N. Y. We to Back Bay, and then to Montreal, P. Q., just closed one of the best meetings of my ministry at Pittsburg, Pa. Sixty-nine received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and a large number were saved and healed of all kinds of sicknesses and infirmities. We've started a meeting here in St. Augustine, Florida, and so far 30 souls have been saved. We thank God for it all."

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Brother **ROBERT E. RAY**, who has been in Southern California for some time, is now living again in Walnut Creek. His health does not permit him much activity, but he is able occasionally to fill in at nearby churches.

Evangelists **ROSS** and **IVERNA LAMB** held nine weeks of revival meetings, running through December, with Pastor Robert E. Cull in Payette, Idaho. During the sixth week of the meetings, Pastor Cull reported over 40 had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and about the same number had been saved.

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Brother and Sister Clyde Shields are available for missionary meetings in this District. They will bring graphic accounts of their work in the Philippines. They are equipped with pictures and display objects. Traveling in a house trailer, they will not need housing. Their mailing address is 15921 Menlo Ave., Gardena, Calif.

IF WE UNDERSTOOD

If we knew the cares and trials,
Knew the efforts all in vain,
And the bitter disappointment,
Understood the loss and gain—
Would the grim eternal roughness
Seem—I wonder—just the same?
Should we help where now we hinder?
Should we pity where we blame?

Ah, We judge each other harshly,
Knowing not life's hidden force;
Knowing not the fount of action
Is less turbid at its source;
Seeing not amid the evil
All the golden grains of good;
And we'd love each other better
If we only understood.

Could we judge all deeds by motives
That surround each other's lives.
See the naked heart and spirit.
Know what spur the action gives,
Often we should find it better,
Purer than we judge we should,
We would love each other better
If we only understood.

Could we judge all deeds by motives,
See the good and bad within,
Often we should love the sinner
All the while we loathe the sin.
Could we know the powers working
To overthrow integrity,
We should judge each other's errors
With more patient charity.

—Rudyard Kipling

A godly life is something that preaches
when nothing is being said in the pulpit.



THE EAST SIDE ASSEMBLY OF GOD IN STOCKTON dedicated its new building Monday, December 1, when the North San Joaquin fellowship meeting was held there. The building, located at 346 East Fremont Street, one block west of the new freeway on the main highway going through the city, has nine Sunday school rooms and an auditorium which seats 300 people. The auditorium, finished in knotty pine is 32 feet wide and 67 feet long. The total cost of the material that went into the structure was \$16,000. Pastor H. C. Lafferty says: "We did not hire any of the work done. We men just went together and did the job from start to finish, though it took eleven months from the time we started until we were able to move into it." Pastor Lafferty started the work January 19, 1947 in an old garage on Sargent Avenue. He reports that in two years time their record showed that 250 souls had been to the altar for salvation, 200 of them had received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and there were many testimonies of healing. The record Sunday school attendance is 285. This is the second Assemblies of God work in a city of 74,000 with about 30,000 more living in the outskirts. Shrubs and lawn are yet to be planted.

Women's Missionary Council

Provided holiday cheer for home and foreign Missions

Thanks to the Women's Missionary Councils, their presidents and other officers and everyone who had a part in preparing and packing Christmas boxes this year, whether for foreign and home fields or a family in the local church or near-by community. There were Indian Sunday school children on the Klamath River and in Modoc County who received treats and gifts, and boys and girls in India, Africa and other countries and the islands of the sea were remembered because there is a WMC.

Our National president, Sister Edith Whipple, writes: "A hearty Well Done, to our WMC's—our district officers down through the most humble member—for the great amount of work done in the last few months. Our missionaries and their families will enjoy a happier Christmas because of your faithful work; little children and fine teenagers in our children's homes will be delighted with your gifts; and our precious elderly guests at Pinellas Park will thank God for your remembrance of them. Besides the many thoughtful little things being done for our Retirement Home at Christmas, each guest is being outfitted with new clothing by the WMC's of their home district, and new rugs for their rooms are being purchased with funds sent in from other districts. Praise the Lord! Remind your WMC's now to save their Christmas and other greeting cards."

This letter from Jane and Arthur Lindvall and family, missionaries returning to El Salvador, Central America, expresses their appreciation to all the WMC's of the district, for practically every one had a part in one way or another. "We would like to tell you how much we have appreciated the wonderful help and cooperation you have given us in this year that we have been home in the States. It has certainly been an inspiration to us to see how the WMC groups have progressed and developed since we were home last time. We would also like to thank all of the WMC groups who have made it possible for us to take a beautiful gas stove and refrigerator back to El Salvador with us. They will help so much to make our living conditions more comfortable and convenient. I wish the women's groups could see just how much all the lovely things they prepare for the missionaries mean on the mission field. There isn't a day that passes but what we are reminded of someone, perhaps by a beautiful pair of pillow slips, a pretty crocheted towel, a bright quilt, a little girl's dress, or a boy's T shirt—all the result of the work of some WMC group here in Northern California. We do appreciate all the love and thoughtfulness that have gone into the wonderful gifts that we have

received. We want the women to remember that they play a very important part in our ministry on the field because of their gifts and especially because of their prayers. May the Lord richly bless each member of all of the WMC groups and make them a blessing to others as they have been to us."

It is time again to prepare for National WMC day when an offering is to be taken for the national office. February 15 is the day that has been chosen, but another day near that date can be taken if the 15th is not convenient. A large poster can be obtained from the national office, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Mo., for 50 cents. Every group should have one for the WMC room, or the Women's Sunday school classroom. The little tags with the WMC emblem can be obtained from this office, P. O. Box 961, Santa Cruz, Calif., for 10 cents a dozen.

Brother and Sister Cavaness of Indonesia were speakers at a sectional WMC rally held at Marysville. They were given a shower of canned foods with a good supply of baby food included.

Another sectional rally was held at Livingston with Brother and Sister Floyd Thomas from Africa and Brother and Sister Al Morrison from Hawaii.

God has been gracious with us during the year. Our reports are going to show an increase in every department for which we praise the Lord. Your faithful cooperation is appreciated and we ask a special interest in your prayers for the work of the WMC in 1953 as we press forward in this great work for Him. God bless you all!

—MRS. R. J. T.

MAN'S MEASUREMENT

A man's no bigger than the way
He treats his fellow-man!
This standard has his measure been
Since time itself began.
He's measured not by tithes or creeds,
High-sounding though they be;
Nor by the gold that's put aside;
Nor by his sanctity.
He's measured not by social rank,
When character's the test;
Nor by his earthly pomp or show,
Displaying wealth possessed.
He's measured by his justice, right,
His fairness at his play,
His squareness in all dealings made,
His honest, upright way.
These are his measures, ever near
To serve him when they can;
For man's no bigger than the way
He treats his fellowman!

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Perpetual worry will get you to one place ahead of time—the cemetery.

THERE'S A COST TO PENTECOST

You can't take the cost out of Pentecost
So settle it once and forever;
There's a price to pay, if you go this way;
The God of Pentecost changes never.

One hundred and twenty tarried until,
In one accord where they gathered to pray,
The Holy Ghost fell, and I'm here to tell
They all spoke in tongues till the breaking of day.

There appeared upon each cloven tongues
as of fire,
God's shekinah glory was felt everywhere;
They all received power that very same hour
While glad Hallelujah's were filling the air.

"They're all Galileans—What meaneth this?"
The people were crying with one accord;
That city was stirred, for every one heard
In their own native tongue the word of the Lord.

Those Spirit-filled saints were scattered abroad;
The message of Jesus they dared to proclaim,
Though oft they were jailed, their faith never failed;
They continued to speak in that holy name.

There's backsliding Peter, oh what a change,
Now boldly he's speaking to that gathered host;
Three thousand, we're told, he brought to the fold;
Through the Spirit and power of Pentecost.

While Peter and John were lying in jail,
The doors of that prison flew open wide.
An angel came down, not making a sound,
Guarding them both till they reached the outside.

This Holy baptism we all may receive
In spite of the skeptics and leaders today.
The pattern's the same, none other to blame
But the God who gave it; so why not obey.

You can't take the cost out of Pentecost,
The reproach, my friend, is ever the same;
Take the tongues with the rest, then you'll have the best
That ever was wrought through His wonderful Name.

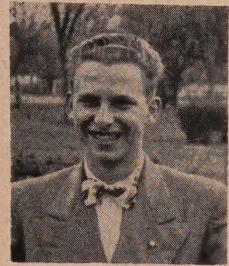
—Lillie Buffam

Every duty which we omit obscures some truth we should have known.

God rewards not according to the amount of work done, but according to the faithfulness in doing it.

Men Like Paul

By Ardon Schmidt, Junior class president



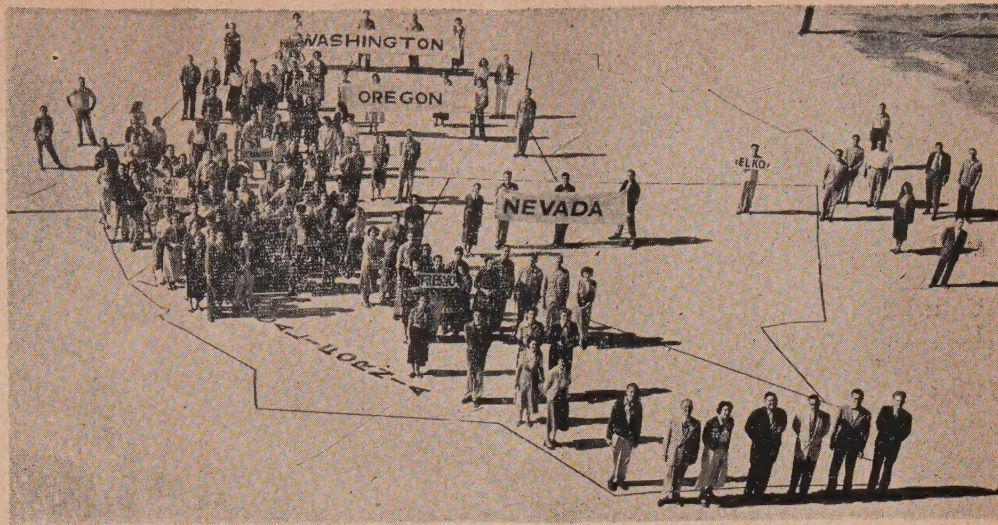
Today the whole world stands as a challenge to the youth of our movement. Why? Because many souls are in darkness who have never heard of the peace that Jesus gives. Many are bound by affliction who do not know the healing power of our Christ. Many, in the church and out of it, are unconcerned, never seeming to care about their own spiritual condition.

The Apostle Paul faced a similar situation and answered the commission of Christ to carry the gospel to every creature. Paul met this challenge successfully because of that inner compulsion of the Holy Ghost. He was full of the Holy Ghost not only at certain times, but continuously. With that supernatural power, Paul became an outstanding witness. Everyone who came in contact with him had also come in contact with the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. In prison, or in the temple, where the Jews, in a hysterical rage, desired to take his life, Paul boldly witnessed to the truth of the resurrection.

Besides being a faithful witness, Paul had a supernatural ministry. The Lord confirmed the Word with signs and wonders. This was so true that the men of Thessalonica accused Paul and his companion of being men who turned the world upside down. Paul had an extraordinary ministry; it was both supernatural and miraculous, for the unusual took place. This is the reason he was able to meet the challenge of the spreading of the gospel so successfully. The crippled were healed, demon power was forced to depart, and even the dead were brought back to life. Yet, not only Paul had this miraculous ministry; all the servants of Christ had the same ministry in that day. The Scriptures say that signs and wonders followed wherever the Word was preached.

Today the same kind of ministry is needed; not in just a few, but in all the ministers of God. For it is the supernatural that causes men to awaken to the truth. With all the different "isms" and cults in existence, it is only a supernatural ministry that will prove to the world the power of the gospel to set at liberty the captives who are in bondage to self, sin and Satan.

Not only was Paul an example in his ministry, but he also was an example of real Christian living. His was a pure and Christlike life, a life of walking in the Spirit. So hidden in Christ was his life that he could say, "Follow me as I have



ABOVE: The student body and faculty of Glad Tidings Bible Institute, with the students placed on the outline map according to the approximate location of their home community. Those outside of the map outline are from places either east or west of the area included in the map. The faculty is in the foreground, just outside of the map limits. They are (left to right) W. C. Peirce, Dean; Leah M. Robinson, T. A. Kessell, President; Forrest M. Beiser, M. J. Bell, and L. T. Holdcroft. Absent were several students; the registrar, M. H. Heicksen, and music instructor, C. Ruff.

followed Christ." As we examine the Scriptures, we find that Paul's life reveals the fruits of the Spirit. Thus one can see not only the power, but the fruit of the Spirit in Paul's life.

Paul presents to us Pentecostal people the challenge of yielding our lives to the Lord's service and the need of being filled with the Spirit. Paul was a spiritual giant. So many in our churches today are babes: immature, deformed and helpless, when they too could be spiritual giants.

When people today seek this power of the Spirit, then and only then will our present generation be able to spread the gospel to the whole world. Paul and the other apostles in their day accomplished this feat. Why can't we? I'm sure that we can, in the present generation, achieve the same feat. The only way, however, is through the power of the Holy Spirit. Not seeing a miracle now and then or a few saved in a year, but continually seeing the result wrought by the power of God.

Paul performed his mission the supernatural way. Why don't we follow his example? God give us men like Paul, for this is the only hope for the saving of souls and the reviving of our churches.

LIFE'S CLOCK

The clock of life is wound but once
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop,
At late or early hour.
To lose one's wealth is sad indeed,
To lose one's health is more:
To lose one's soul is such a loss
As no man can restore.
The present only is our own,
Live, live, toil with a will;
Place no faith in "Tomorrow"—for
The clock may then be still.

YOU CAN

If you cannot cross the ocean,
And the heathen lands explore,
You can find the heathen nearer you,
You can help them at your door.

If you cannot give your thousands,
You can give the widow's mite,
And the least you do for Jesus,
Will be precious in His sight.

With your prayers and with your bounties
You can do what God demands.
You can be like faithful Aaron,
Holding up the prophet's hands.

—Selected

Other religions have risen out of man's search for God, but Christianity is God's search for man. We have received it only to pass on to others. It has made us what we are, and from us it must go to others.

GIVE UP?

Give up because the cross is heavy,
Sink down in weakness 'neath its load?
Give up and say you can't endure it,
Too rough, too tiresome is the road?

Ah, no, rejoice you have a cross,
A cross which none but you may bear:
Why, you are rich, when by that cross
You earn your right a crown to wear.

Give up while there is still in heaven
A God who notes the sparrow's fall?
Give up when He so longs to help you,
But only waits to hear you call?

He clothes the lilies, feeds the birds;
Would He to you, then, pay less heed?
Look up to Him with prayerful heart,
He will supply your every need.

—Grace B. Renfrow

Current Signs

ITEMS OF INTEREST BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

Much Aid

During the last twelve years, the United States has poured out more than \$87,000,000,000 in foreign aid. Although most of it was in grants and gifts, about \$11,000,000,000 has been repaid. More than 50 countries or areas benefited. Nearly \$29,000,000,000 was transferred during World War II. Russia, now referred to as our former ally, received the second largest amount given to any country; it got \$11,000,000,000.

Mathematical Man

There has been talk of mechanical men and robots, but now the navy is building a mathematical man. The work is being done by scientists in a naval electronics laboratory, aided by a battery of electronic computers, so-called electronic brains. When completed the fellow will have no arms, legs, eyes, or ears. He will be a navy man without a uniform. Known formally as Human Operator Mark I, he is called Homi for short. Homi is the nearest thing to a general purpose mathematical model of a man now in existence so far as we know.

Bible Clubs

It was reported at the eighth annual Youth for Christ International convention at Winona Lake, Indiana, that 1,500 Bible clubs have been organized in high schools of 35 states during the past four years. The clubs have a membership of about 500,000 teen-agers.

Billions for Alcohol

Americans spend almost four times as much for alcoholic drinks as the total paid for electricity by all the homemak-

ers and farmers throughout the country. Last year, according to figures released by the United States Department of Commerce, Americans spent \$9,150,000,000 for alcoholic drinks, while the residential and rural electric service totaled \$2,340,000,000.

New Rocket Control

The navy's new research rocket, The Deacon, was recently fired to an altitude of nearly 40 miles in the cosmic ray studies over Greenland. About ten feet long and eight inches thick, The Deacon carries instruments in its nose for recording cosmic radiation. Pentagon rocket experts are working on electronic devices that may be able to guide missiles around the globe without relying on radar or radio that could be jammed by the enemy. They would guide themselves by the stars.

Quackery Under the Guise of Psychiatry

In a recent issue of Collier's magazine author Jhan Robbins tells the readers that upwards of 25,000 phony psychologists are handing out dangerously bad advice to people in trouble. These quacks, having acquired worthless diploma-mill degrees, are preying on the upset persons who come to them for help, and from them are getting probably more than half a billion dollars yearly. The author points out, "This sum is not just wasted money, harmlessly spent for useless counseling. There are 8,500,000 psychiatric cases in the United States. More than 200,000 new patients are admitted to mental hospitals each year. No one knows exactly how many of these have been shoved across the

border of what the law calls insanity by the callous or ignorant psycho-phonies who are operating free of all legal restraints in nearly all of our major cities."

Celestial Collision

Scientists at the observatory on Mt. Palomar, California, and some in other countries have been picking up delicate radio waves in the last year or so which seemed to come from space beyond the Milky Way. This indication of a stellar crash trillions of miles from earth has been backed up by photographs taken through Palomar's 200-inch telescope. Only now are astronomers learning of the reported collision, because the star systems are so far away it takes their light and radio waves millions of years to reach the earth, even though light and radio travel 186,000 miles a second. Such a collision would have no effect on the earth, they tell us, but residents, if any, on planets in the distant systems might see their night sky brilliantly lighted in a blue like that of neon signs.

Man's Cunning Cruelty

It is reported that a new torture has been devised in Hungary, that three new underground floors of dungeons and torture chambers have been constructed under the Dunapart Building, Budapest. The chambers include a row of cement-rubber coffins in which the victim is told he is to be buried alive. To all intents and purposes he is, for the experiences the harrowing ordeal of suffocation. However, a device is attached so that when the victim becomes unconscious, fresh air is admitted. Revived, he goes through the same torment again. It is said that a person will confess to anything after the third such experience.

The stature of a spiritual giant is measured while he is upon his knees.

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Sacrifice is giving up something which is your right to keep.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

February 25, 26, 27

FULL GOSPEL TEMPLE, RICHMOND

14th Street and Bissell Avenue

The District Presbytery will meet as the Credentials Committee all day, Monday and Tuesday, February 23 and 24